

TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

By
Fulton Lewis, Jr.

Station WGMS at 7-7:15 P. M.
24 July 1958

Cambodia--one of the three kingdoms into which French Indochina was carved up--has jolted the State Department by announcing its recognition of Communist China, stating that it can no longer refuse to recognize the existence or the economic importance of the Red China regime. The State Department, frankly shocked, anguished and astounded, issued a long formal statement saying that the recognition came as a complete surprise and that this country has received assurances that the government of Cambodia would remain aloof from Red China.

This, by the way, is one of the spots into which we have poured "zillions" of dollars down the rat hole of foreign aid. For example, untold miles of roadway that didn't even pretend to lead anywhere. The excuse of the Foreign Aid Administration for that one is that roadways, they say, of any kind are important in an underdeveloped country even if they don't lead anywhere, which may seem just a little naive to you in view of the fact that your taxes are what they are in order to pay the bill.

The interesting angle of this, however, is the complete surprise angle. How could it be such a complete surprise if the CIA, under Secretary of State Dulles' younger brother Allen, were on the job? Suez was a complete surprise. The CIA didn't know a thing about that until it was an accomplished fact. The coup d'etat in Iraq was a complete surprise. The CIA didn't know anything about that. Now this highly important development in Cambodia is a complete surprise, too. The CIA didn't know anything about that. In fact, the CIA might just as well not be operating at all for all of the intelligence information it seems to be providing.

Yet this is the organization, the Central Intelligence Agency, which is supposed to be our secret eyes and ears over the world. It is also the organization, as I have reminded you before, that must not be investigated, because it is so delicate in its operations that the slightest leak of any kind about its personnel or its operations or its budget might be disastrous. The truth seems to be that it is so delicate, that it is not functioning at all, if these results are any indication, and the idea that its over-all operations cannot

be inspected by an appropriate committee of congress, is utterly ridiculous. This is nothing more, nor less, than the international investigative counterpart of the FBI, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation. It does the same work in the foreign field that the FBI does domestically or it is supposed to. Mr. Hoover doesn't resort to all this cloak and dagger stuff and all this super-secrecy, and he has had agents in plenty of precarious places, undoubtedly does so now, whether identity would have been ruinous if it had been known.

He had the Communist Party so infiltrated with his agents at one time, that it was said that the party contained more FBI plants than it did legitimate Communists, and as the crowning blow, an American businessman said today that he tried two months ago to tell Allen Dulles of the impending bloody coup d'etat that was in the making in Iraq and Mr. Dulles refused to see him. The individual was Salem Badr, president of the Arab-Asian Institute, a registered foreign agent, and he said he tried to get to both Allen Dulles and to William Rountree, Assistant Secretary of State, Middle Eastern Affairs, but that he was told in both cases that no appointment could be fitted in.

You know you can't help but wonder just what this CIA does do for the fabulous sums that it spends every year. Here are three misses out of three; that is not a very good batting average.